

Weekly Status & Information Report: April 8 - 12, 2013

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of April 15, 2013:

- City Council meeting, Monday, April 15, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- City Council meeting (budget work session), Thursday, April 18, 7:30 p.m. (closed session vote at 7:00 p.m.)

Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public. To confirm that a meeting will be held as scheduled, call the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or email jessiec@takomagov.org. (City Clerk)

2. Public Hearing on the Acting City Manager's Proposed FY 2014 Budget: The City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium to hear comments on the proposed budget. The budget is available for review online at: <http://takomaparkmd.gov/finance/budget.html>. Interested persons should plan to attend the public hearing and sign up to speak or submit written comments to the City Clerk at clerk@takomagov.org. (City Clerk)

3. Arbor Day Celebration: Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Library grounds. The City Arborist and members of the Tree Commission will be on hand to help residents select seedlings and answer questions about trees. Drop by to pick up seedlings of the following varieties: black oak, eastern red cedar, hazelnut, northern red oak, pecan, red chokeberry, redbud, sugar maple, swamp white oak, and sweetgum. (Public Works)

4. TOMORROW - Art Workshop: Artist Shanthi Chandra Sekar from the Mathematically Inclined exhibit will teach how to make kolams, geometric drawings from South Asia, Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Art Room (7500 Maple Avenue.) Free Admission. For more information, see: www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events. (Housing and Community Development)

5. Flag Football League 2013 - Kicks Off This Saturday: The inaugural season of the Takoma Park Recreation Department's 2013 Youth Flag Football League will kick off tomorrow (Saturday) at Lee Jordan Field between 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. There are more than 80 girls and boys eager to get the season on its way! Game schedules may be viewed online at <http://www.allprosoftware.net/Flagfootball13/>. (Recreation)

6. Adult Softball League - Games Begin on Sunday: The 2013 Adult Softball League will begin league play on Sunday, April 14. Teams have been working hard to prepare for the season opener. Last year's League Champions, "AXB Dog Grooming", looks to maintain its title with back to back championships, while the other teams have their own plans to be crowned league champs! Game schedules may be viewed online at <http://www.allprosoftware.net/AdultSoftball/>. (Recreation)
Ritchie Avenue Traffic Calming: Work continues on the installation of a traffic circle, new sidewalks and curb line changes on Ritchie, Oswego and Geneva Avenues. Traffic flow may be affected by equipment and workers. There will be posted no parking areas during the work day. Please remember to keep to the right when traveling around a traffic circle. (Public Works)

7. Yoga Nidra - Begins Monday, April 15: Adults, are you looking for a way to relieve some stress? Feeling fatigued? Join Takoma Park resident and Certified Yoga Instructor, Carol Mermey, for a deeply relaxing, therapeutic meditation practice. This meditative yoga practice helps reduce stress, increases general physical and mental well-being, and brings greater ease and joy into everyday life. Class will begin on April 15 from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and will be held in the Takoma Park Community Center, Dance Studio. Drop-in fee is only \$15. To register online please visit www.activenet010.active.com/takomaparkrecreation. (Recreation)

8. Ulysses: "Ulysses" discussions continue on Tuesday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Hydrangea Room. All welcome. (Library)

9. Kids Poetry Workshop: Kids can combine words and art to create unique portrait poetry at our fun Kids Poetry Workshop on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m., led by local poets Elizabeth Rees and Rosanne Singer. The workshop theme is "What's In Your Head?" and our poet leaders will help kids transform their thoughts of soccer, dogs, spaceships - whatever! - into poetry. All art materials will be provided, courtesy of the Friends of the Takoma Park Maryland Library. Kids just need to bring their creativity. Best for ages 5 up. Registration is encouraged, but not required. To register, go to www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents or call us at 301-891-7259. (Library)

10. Two Public Meetings for C2-C4 Metrobus Line Study - April 17 and 18: The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority is holding two public meetings for its study of Metrobus routes C2 and C4 on Wednesday, April 17 in Wheaton, and Thursday, April 18 in Hyattsville. Both meetings will be held in the evening (5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.) for the purpose of hearing feedback from riders of the C2-C4 routes about a set of preliminary recommendations for improvements to bus service along the line. These busy routes run through the Takoma/Langley Crossroads on University Boulevard and are "priority corridors". For more information on the study and location of the meetings, see: <http://www.metrobus-studies.com/C2-C4/C2-C4.htm>. (Housing and Community Development)

11. Third Thursday Poetry Reading - Thursday, April 18, 2013: Come listen to local writers share their work in our monthly series. This is an open reading, open to all poets and their fans. Thursday, April 18, 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Azalea Room (7500 Maple Avenue). Free Admission. For more information, see: www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events. (Housing and Community Development)

12. Favorite Poem Evening: To participate in this year's Favorite Poem Evening at the Library on April 23rd, you must contact

Ellen Robbins at ellenr@takomagov.org by Saturday, April 20. Just send the name of a poem you love along with your name and generic occupation for inclusion in a printed program. This has been a popular and community-building event for the past 14 years. Bring your friends and family. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. (Library)

13. Bike Workshop - April 23 at the Community Center: Takoma Bicycle is partnering with the Recreation Department to hold several spring/summer biking workshop for commuters, called Ride of Your Life. Bruce Sawtelle will be talking about basic safety concerns, bicycle maintenance, how to fix a flat, and things to take on rides. It's open to cyclists of varying skill levels. The workshop will conclude with a question-and-answer session. Open to all ages. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and admission is free! Registration is required. To register online, please visit www.activenet010.active.com/takomaparkrecreation. (Recreation)

14. Community Garden Project: Imagine being able to take a seed, plant it, nurture it, and watch it grow into a full-fledged fruit or vegetable. Come enjoy the fun of the Community Garden on Saturday, April 27 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Takoma Park Recreation Center. Everyone can come out and plant fruits, vegetables, trees and flowers with us. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

15. Counselor in Training (CIT) for Ages 14-17 Years: Sign up for a three-day training to become a Certified CIT. Prior to volunteering for summer camp, each teen will be required to attend trainings hosted by the Takoma Park Recreation Department. During these trainings, teens will have an opportunity to develop leadership skills while becoming First Aid/CPR certified. MUST REGISTER BY APRIL 30th. Resident/Non-resident: \$25.00. For more information or questions, please contact Leicia Monfort at leiciam@takomagov.org or 301-891-7283. (Recreation)

16. Construction Notice - Holton Lane Gateway: The Holton Lane Gateway Project will provide a green and inviting entrance to Holton Lane at New Hampshire Avenue, including a bumpout for pedestrian safety, storm-water infiltration facility, new gateway sign, and re-stripping of the roadway with bike lanes. Construction is expected to start on the project in late April 2013, and should last 7-10 days. Traffic into and out of Holton Lane may be affected during off-peak times during construction. For more information, see: www.theNewAve.com/holtonlane (<http://www.thenewave.com/holtonlane>). (Housing and Community Development)

17. Bike To Work on May 17: This free regional event raises awareness for cycling to work, attracting nearly 13,000 registrants in 2012. There will be two pit stops on the New Ave at Sligo Creek Trail (east side of New Hampshire Avenue) and the Takoma/Langley Crossroads (near the bike racks on Kirklynn Avenue), and a pit stop at the Gazebo on Carroll Avenue. For more information, see: <http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org>. (Housing and Community Development)

18. Got Art? Takoma Park is home to a variety of unique works of art, public and private, large and small. The Housing and Community Development has begun the process of cataloging this unique resource, but needs your help. Have you seen any interesting works of art in your neighborhood? Your front yard? On the way to the metro or work? Submit a picture and location of the art to jrwebster@takomagov.org so that it may be added to the catalog. Artwork must be visible from the sidewalk. (Housing and Community Development)

19. It's National Poetry Month: Takoma Park's annual Spring for Poetry poetry walk is in full bloom – with 33 posters by new and established poets on display throughout the city. For a complete list of poems and their locations, check the Friends of the Library web site: <http://ftpml.org/poetry/PoetryWalk.htm>. which links to http://ftpml.org/poetry/spring2013_locations.html. This year all posters were mounted by Clair Garman. (Library)

20. Library Hours: The Library and Computer Center will be open from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. every Sunday, beginning May 5. Watch for news about our opening day activities – including refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library! (Library)

21. Save the Date - Celebrate Takoma Festival - May 19, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.: The Recreation Department, along with dedicated volunteers, will be hosting the first ever Celebrate Takoma Festival. We will spend the afternoon celebrating the cultural diversity of the city with food, merchandise, and community vendors as well as entertainment and games from around the world. If you are interested in vending, performing or would like to showcase a game passed down from generation to generation and are local to Takoma Park, please email celebratetakoma@takomagov.org or call 301-891-7290. (Recreation)

22. Teens on the Move Camp (ages 13-17): The Teens on the Move Camp combines a perfect balance of experiential learning, community service, fun activities and career development. Registration is open. Camp Sessions are one week in length and start July 8, 2013. We will meet daily at the Takoma Park Community Center and go on a variety of trips. Residents: \$100 per week/\$120 Non-Residents. For more information or questions, please contact Leicia Monfort at leiciam@takomagov.org or 301-891-7283. (Recreation)

23. Job Training, Resume Writing, and Mock Interviews (ages 13-17): On Thursday, April 11, teens were introduced to a four-week program that will give them the skills they need to land a job in this economy. This free program will help transform teens into successful job ready candidates, in turn making participants stand out from their peers. During these classes, teens will learn how to formulate a resume, dress for success, and gain respect for themselves in a business environment. Sessions will run through May 2 on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Teen Lounge. For more information on Teen Programs, please contact Leicia Monfort at 301-891-7283 or leiciam@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

24. Young Entrepreneurs Program (ages 13-17): Twenty-two teenagers gathered inside the Teen Lounge on April 9, for the

Young Entrepreneurs Program. Teens were taught what it means to be an entrepreneur and what it takes to get started early. Teens were presented information on the top 14 Under 30 CEO's in Washington, D.C. and discussed how they began their journeys. Teens were able to share their dreams and passions for their future. Next class will be Tuesday, April 16, at 4:00 p.m. when the teens will create vision boards to help keep them focused on their goals. For more information on Teen Programs, please contact Leicia Monfort at 301-891-7283 or leiciam@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

25. Summer Camp Registration - Filling Up Fast! Registration for all 2013 Summer Camps is going well. Camps are filling up fast and there are only a few spaces left for some camps. To view a complete listing of all summer camp offerings, please visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation and click on the online summer camp activities guide. (Recreation)

26. Double Dutch Continues: Double Dutch is a fun and aerobic endurance workout that includes single rope jumping, Double Dutch turning, jumping, stretching, and jogging. This free (with membership) program is held at the Takoma Park Recreation Center on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for ages 6-14 under the direction of Shay Blanchard. Come on out and enjoy the fun. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

27. Get ready for the Summer with Jazzercise! Jazzercise is offered at the Takoma Park Recreation Center on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. for ages 16 and over. This is a class that combines the art of jazz with the science of exercise. Each 60-70 minute class includes easy-to-follow fun aerobic-dance routines, weights for muscle strength, and stretching exercises - all to the beat of great music. For more information including fees, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

28. Get Fit For Summer!: Continue to get in shape and be ready for the summer. Purchase a membership to the Fitness Room at Takoma Park Recreation Center. The Fitness Room is a hidden gem. It has elliptical machines, stair-climbers, upright bikes, recumbent bikes, treadmills, dumbbells, and more. If you are looking for the perfect workout to get ready for the summer, then the Takoma Park Recreation Center Fitness Room is the place for you. Get a membership now and get fit for summer. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

29. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (April 5-11, 2013) may be viewed online at http://cathyplevy.blogspot.com/2013/04/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_11.html. (Police)

30. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 83 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, two Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrests from traffic, one warrant service arrest from traffic and one vehicle impound.

During April 5-12, 2013, the following details were completed:

April 5, 2013

- 1100 block University Blvd (Pedestrian Crosswalk)- a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings
- Flower Ave & Garland Ave (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued four State citations

April 7, 2013

- New Hampshire Ave & East West Hwy (Red Light)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one State citations and one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO)

April 8, 2013

- 6900-7100 blocks New Hampshire Ave (Tag Reader)- a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued five State citations

April 9, 2013

- 6900-7100 blocks New Hampshire Ave (Tag Reader)- a 3 hour enforcement detail was conducted and issued thirteen State citations

April 10, 2013

- Flower Ave & Garland Ave (Stop Sign)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one State citation
- 7400 block New Hampshire Ave (LIDAR)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one State citations and three warnings

April 11, 2013

- Elm Ave & Lincoln Ave (Traffic Circle)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one State citation
- Wildwood Dr & Anne St (Stop Sign)- a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued three State citations
- 6900-7100 blocks New Hampshire Ave (Tag Reader)- a 90 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued eight State citations
- Philadelphia Ave & Holly Ave (Stop Signs)- a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued two State citations and one warning

April 12, 2013

- 7500 blk New Hampshire Ave (Traffic Control Device) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one State citation. (Police)

31. Traffic Officer Stats (PFC Walter Smith):

Week of April 8-11

State citations: 32

Calls for service: 21

Reports: 7

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 5

Field Investigative Reports (FIR) written: 3

Warnings: 5

Warrant Arrests: 1

On-View Arrests: 1

Foot Patrol: 3 hours

Court: 2 hours

(Police)